

# Cuban Family Reunification Parole Program

## **What do I need to do to have my family member participate in CFRP?**

If you already have filed Form I-130, *Petition for Alien Relative*, **and** you have received an approval notice, you will be contacted by the National Visa Center (NVC) with a written notice explaining your beneficiary's eligibility to participate in the CFRP program and the procedures for processing the petition under CFRP.

## **After I have returned the necessary paperwork for my family member to the NVC, what do I need to do next?**

Once the NVC has a CFRP package from a petitioner in the United States, the NVC will send the petitioner a second letter with information regarding the scheduling of an interview for the beneficiary.

## **How can I schedule my family member's interview appointment?**

Once the petitioner has received the second letter from NVC stating that the case has been forwarded to the U.S. Interests Section, the petitioner or any family member may contact our Visa Information and Appointment Scheduling Service at telephone number 1-866-374-1769, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to schedule the interview. Callers pay a nominal fee to talk to the operators.

## **I scheduled an interview appointment for my relative. Could I get a written confirmation?**

The U.S. Interests Section is not currently offering this service. Please contact our Visa Information and Appointment Service at 1-866-374-1769 if you need to verify the date and time of your family member's interview appointment at the U.S. Interests Section.

## **I forgot the date of my family member's interview appointment. Could you verify this information?**

No. Please contact our Visa Information and Appointment Scheduling Service at 1-866-374-1769 to verify the interview date.

## **How can I expedite the interview appointment?**

The U.S. Interests Section is limited in the number of American personnel it can have in Cuba. Due to these numerical limits, the Interests Section can only provide a limited number of appointments per day. However, if an emergency situation arises that justifies expediting an appointment, the petitioner or beneficiary may send us a brief message using our "Contact Us" link available at our website. Please note that only cases that have extremely urgent situations will be evaluated.

### ***Cuban Family Reunification Parole Program (CFRP)***

**Who is eligible:** Cuban nationals who reside in Cuba and who are the beneficiaries of a properly filed Form I-130, *Petition for Alien Relative*, that has been approved, but for which an immigrant visa is not yet immediately available.

**Who is not eligible:** Cuban applicants who qualify as "immediate relatives" are not eligible to participate in this program. In addition, Cuban nationals who are not residing in Cuba are ineligible to participate.

## **Are there any fees to be processed under this program?**

No. There is no cost associated with the interview or issuance process.

## **Is an Affidavit of Support required under CFRP?**

An Affidavit of Support, Form I-134, is not required unless requested by the interviewing consular officer or USCIS. It is not possible to anticipate whether a particular case will need to submit this documentation.

**Will the granting of parole under the CFRP Program be automatic?**

No. A discretionary grant of parole for a particular alien remains a case-by-case determination. All applicants are subject to administrative processing and may be asked to provide additional information. If USCIS exercises its discretion to grant parole, it will issue the necessary U.S. travel documents to the beneficiary in Cuba. These travel documents will enable the beneficiary to travel to the United States in a safe, legal and orderly manner.

**How long will it take for my relative to obtain parole after being interviewed?**

Once a CFRP beneficiary is interviewed at the U.S. Interests Section, the parole application is transferred to the USCIS office in Havana for a determination. The beneficiary will be issued a pass to come back a month or two after the interview date to pick up the parole results. If approved, the applicant will receive travel documents to immigrate to the United States the same day.

**NOTICE**

All Cuban applicants ages 16-80 (inclusive) are subject to additional administrative processing in order to verify the applicant's qualification for parole. This process often lasts 90-120 days, but in some instances, it may take several months. The U.S. Interests Section cannot make a final determination on a case until this process has concluded.

**My family member has been waiting completion of the necessary administrative processing for several months. Can you expedite it?**

No. Parole beneficiaries must wait until this process has concluded. The U.S. Interests Section will contact the applicant as soon as this process has been completed.

**Can you provide me with an estimated date of completion for my family member's administrative process?**

No. It is not possible to anticipate how long the administrative process will take for a particular case.

**There is an error in the spelling on my relative's parole application. How can I fix it?**

Parole beneficiaries may correct any error on their biographical data the day of their interview.

**I am unable to travel during the validity of my travel documents. Can I get an extension?**

Parole beneficiaries who are unable to travel to the United States during the validity of their travel documents for reasons beyond their control should ask a family member or associate in the United States to contact our Visa Information and Appointment Scheduling Service at 1-866-374-1769 to schedule an interview appointment to be considered for parole renewal. The beneficiary should take this step only when s/he is ready to travel.

**What documentation do I need to bring to be considered for parole renewal?**

Applicants are required to bring (1) recent passport style photograph, current medical examination results and current police records (for applicants 16 years of age or older), valid passport, and the travel packet issued to the applicant by the U.S. Interests Section. In addition, applicants will need to demonstrate that they were unable to travel during the validity of their travel documents for reasons beyond their control.

**Will a renewal be automatic?**

No. All requests for parole renewals must be evaluated by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services in Havana (USCIS). In addition, all Cuban applicants are subject to additional administrative processing.

**I was denied parole under CFRP. Can I appeal this decision?**

There is no appeal process for denied parole cases, however, the applicant or petitioner may send us a signed letter within 90 days of being informed of the parole denial requesting parole reconsideration to the following address:

U.S. Interests Section  
Ref: Parole Reconsideration  
Calle Calzada e/L y M  
Vedado  
Ciudad Habana 10400